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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A HYBRID VEHICLE

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 4

Commissioner for Patents Washington DC 20231

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on December 4, 2002, Claims 25-30 were rejected. Claims 25-30 remain pending.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C § 102 and 103

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 25-29 under 35 U.S.C §102 as being anticipated by Long III et al. On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 30 under 35 U.S.C § 103 as being unpatentable over Long III et al. in view of Yano et al.